**President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency**
*Information Technology Roundtable*
**John P. Higgins Jr., Department of Education Inspector General, Chair**

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- On June 22ⁿᵈ, NASA OIG and the Dept of ED OIG hosted a joint PCIE IT Roundtable meeting at NASA HQs. Mike Bowman from the Dept of ED OIG System Internal Audit Team (SIAT) provided a presentation about the automated tools and techniques that are used to assist them in evaluating technical security controls in connection with their annual FISMA review. Tools discussed include: 1) port mapping scanners; 2) network reconnaissance scanners; 3) network vulnerability scanners; 4) database vulnerability scanners; 5) router evaluation tools; 6) host based scanners and 7) password cracking tools. Follow-up feedback indicated Mike's presentation was well received and generated a lot of interest and questions by other agency personnel.

- The second half of the meeting was filled with a informative PowerPoint by Russell Rau, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation OIG. The presentation concentrated on the importance of understanding Enterprise Architecture issues. In addition, Russ provided an update on the group he is currently heading up: Federal Audit Executive Council (FACE). The group is further broke down into three sub-committees: IT Security Committee, Policy Review Subcommittee, and Implementation and Reporting Subcommittee. Russ closed-out the conversation with a brief discussion on how the two different groups should work together to achieve a single position with regards to how OIGs perform FISMA activities.

- Charles Coe, AIG for IT Audits and Computer Crime Investigations, Dept of EDOIG, closed out the meeting with administrative duties discussing the frequency of meetings, length of future meetings, and how to identify future topics of discussions. By consensus, the PCIE IT Roundtable activities will be divided into two basic groups: IT Audits and Computer Crime Investigations. Each group will meet every four months equating to three meeting per year per disciple for a total of six PCIE IT Roundtable meetings. The next meeting will focus on cybercrime issues, the date yet to be determined. Those interested in participating or be added to the mailing list should contact Charles Coe at 202-245-7033. Please visit the Web site for additional information. Several good IT-related PowerPoint presentations are available on the web site.